

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A method of sharing data ~~Data is shared over a network is disclosed which has a plurality of network connected terminals, each comprising including memory means and processing means as a processor. Said The memory means includes instruction (403) for managing object duplication, wherein in response to a said data requirement of a first of said the network terminals, a second of said the network terminals duplicates (504) said an the object at said the first terminal. Data is accessed (505) is said the using locally executed object instructions at said the first terminal. Data consistency is maintained (506) between duplicated objects (404, 405). Said said the duplicate objects comprise include a duplicate master (405) and duplicates (404) and, performing a load balancing task or in the case of a network connectivity failure (507), the respective state thereof may be switched (508).~~

(Figure 5)